

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 and 2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~21~~ 23, wherein the second ~~vehicle trim component portion~~ material is introduced into the ~~mold assembly~~ cavity by an injection molding process.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the second ~~vehicle trim component portion~~ material is introduced into the ~~mold assembly~~ cavity by a low pressure injection molding process.

5 through 6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~21~~ 23, wherein the textured surface of the first mold portion defines a decorative indicium.

8 through 10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~22~~ 23, further including a source of heat for heating the first ~~vehicle trim component portion~~ material.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~22~~ 26, wherein the step of heating the first ~~vehicle trim component portion~~ material occurs within the mold assembly.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~21~~ 23, wherein the second ~~vehicle trim component portion~~ material has a generally rigid characteristic for structurally supporting the first ~~vehicle trim component portion~~ material.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21 ~~23~~, wherein the first ~~vehicle trim component portion~~ material is made of a material selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic olefin and vinyl.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21 ~~23~~, wherein the second ~~vehicle trim component portion~~ material is made of a material selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, thermoplastic olefin, and acrylonitrile butadiene styrene.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21 ~~23~~, wherein the first ~~vehicle trim component portion~~ material comprises a plurality of layers of material.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the first ~~vehicle trim component portion~~ material comprises a layer of polypropylene foam and one of a layer of thermoplastic olefin and vinyl.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21 ~~23~~, wherein one of the first and second ~~vehicle trim component portions~~ materials includes an adhesive promoter to form a bond between the first and second ~~vehicle trim component portions~~ materials.

19. (Cancelled).

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21 ~~23~~, wherein the second ~~vehicle trim component portion~~ material is poured into the ~~mold assembly~~ cavity.

21 and 22. (Canceled)

23. (New) A method of forming a decorative surface feature on an article formed in a mold, the method comprising the steps of:

- a. providing a mold assembly comprising a first mold portion having a textured surface, and second mold portion, the first and the second mold portions defining a cavity;
- b. heating a first material;
- c. introducing the first material into the cavity;
- d. closing the mold cavity; and
- e. introducing a second material into the cavity subsequent to heating and introducing the first material into the cavity, such that the introduction of the second material into the cavity applies a force on the first material to both move the first material into contact with the textured surface of the first mold portion and also transfer an imprint of the textured surface to the first material, thereby forming the article having a decorative surface feature formed thereon.

24. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the first mold portion is a mold cavity.

25. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein the second mold portion is a mold core.

26. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the first material is heated subsequent to being introduced into the cavity.